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The Railway Workers Syndicate of Guatemala (SAMP), in order to extend its labor affiliation network into South America, is negotiating a mutual aid contract with railway union officials of Colombia, similar to the agreements which the SAMP already has with railway workers of Mexico (signed May 1947) and Costa Rica (signed November 1947).

Comment: Since the railroads in these countries are operated by different corporations under different conditions, union solidarity might be hard to achieve in the case of individual grievances. However, in case of war, they would have a common denominator in United States trade, for they all are feeders of raw materials to the ports from which shipments are made to the United States.

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